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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on March 3, 2006; November 22, 2005 and June 16, 2004, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action dated December 19, 2006, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-073680, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2002-319531 A, together with an English language Abstract and an English language computer-generated translation thereof and family member U.S. Patent No. 6,768,067;
- (2) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 10-274854 A, together with an English language Abstract and an English language computer-generated translation thereof;

- (3) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 3-042815 A, together with an English language Abstract and an English language partial translation thereof;
- (4) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2-106758 A, together with an English language Abstract and an English language partial translation thereof;
- (5) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 11-297584 A, together with an English language Abstract and an English language computer-generated translation thereof;
and
- (6) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2-264960 A, together with an English language Abstract and an English language partial translation thereof.

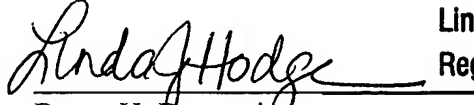
The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached hereto, and are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the Japanese Office Action and an English language translation thereof are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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